

# Easton Royal Footpaths Update 14 April 15

There has been a lot of progress on the footpaths around the village since Christmas. Paul Millard and his gang from Wiltshire Council successfully opened up Cross Lane, which runs away eastwards towards Burbage from beyond the Drang. This is an ancient footpath, with extensive side hedges that had become completely overgrown, and it took three long days to clear it out. Huge thanks to Paul Millard for doing this for the village. Paul Narizzano has kindly agreed to act as Warden of the lane, whilst we are investigating ways to link up the far end to the wider footpath network.



At the end of March, Lloyd Cockbain led a team of Alan Archer, Hew Helps, Allan Duncan and Simon Riley to assist Paul and Ken from Wiltshire Council to put in two magnificent new bridle gates on the footpath that runs north parallel to Ram Alley. We were very grateful for Mark de Pass's help in making this possible and we were able to use special stock-proof latches (with a style alongside), so that the field can continue to be used for grazing at some time in the future. Pewsey Vale Running Club kindly gave us £300 towards the costs involved.



Finally, Paul Millard provided planings to help Graham Cooper upgrade the bridleway at the bottom of the downs with really excellent results.

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